

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus for and method of utilizing an existing predefined messaging
5 protocol to convey additional data in application-to-application communication. Instead
of utilizing a plurality of the existing predefined messages or defining a new unique
message type to convey the needed data, a single preexisting message type is used to
define location and format of the data objects to be communicated. The receiving
application unpacks these definitions from the single message received and accesses the
10 defined data objects as required.